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Amendments to the claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A coaxial connector assembly comprising:

(a) an adapter including:

(1) a first and a second end,

(2) a center conductor and a first outer conductive shell at each end;

wherein the center conductors of each end are electrically connected and the first outer conductive shells of each end are electrically connected, and the center conductors are electrically isolated from the first outer conductive shells;

(b) a first connector removably mounted to the first end of the adapter, the first connector including a first end and a second end, the second end of the first connector adapted to engage the first end of the adapter and the first end of the first connector adapted to mate with a first coaxial cable connector terminated to a cable;

(c) a second connector removably mounted to the second end of the adapter, the second connector including a first end and a second end, the second end of the second connector adapted to engage the second end of the adapter and the first end of the second connector adapted to mate with a second coaxial cable connector terminated to a cable.

2. (Original) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 1, wherein the first end of each of the first and second connector ends defines one of a plurality of genders and one of a plurality of styles.

3. (Original) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 2, wherein the plurality of genders includes male and female.

4. (Original) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 2, wherein the plurality of styles includes U.S., BBC, and Global.

5. (Previously Presented) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 2, wherein the first end of the first connector defines a different gender and a different style than the first end of the second connector.

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6. (Previously Presented) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 2, wherein the first end of the first connector defines a different gender and the same style as the first end of the second connector.

7. (Previously Presented) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 2, wherein the first end of the first connector defines the same gender and the same style as the first end of the second connector.

8. (Previously Presented) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 2, wherein the first connector is threadably mounted to the first end of the adapter.

9. (Previously Presented) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 2, wherein the second connector is threadably mounted to the second end of the adapter.

10. (Previously Presented) A coaxial connector assembly comprising:

(a) an adapter including:

(1) a first and a second end,

(2) a center conductor and a first outer conductive shell at each end;

wherein the center conductors of each end are electrically connected and the first outer conductive shells of each end are electrically connected, and the center conductors are electrically isolated from the first outer conductive shells;

(b) a first connector removably mounted to the adapter about the first outer conductive shell at the first end of the adapter, the first connector including:

(1) a first center conductor electrically connected to the center conductor of the first end of the adapter;

(2) a first conductive front shell electrically connected to the first outer conductive shell of the first end of the adapter;

(3) a first insulator mounted between and electrically isolating the first center conductor and the first conductive front shell;

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the first connector including a first end and a second end, the second end of the first connector adapted to releasably engage the first end of the adapter and the first end of the first connector adapted to mate with a first coaxial connector terminated to a cable;

(c) a second connector removably mounted to the adapter about the first outer conductive shell at the second end of the adapter, the second connector including:

(1) a second center conductor electrically connected to the center conductor of the second end of the adapter;

(2) a second conductive front shell electrically connected to the first outer conductive shell of the second end of the adapter;

(3) a second insulator mounted between and electrically isolating the second center conductor and the second conductive front shell;

the second connector including a first end and a second end, the second end of the second connector adapted to releasably engage the second end of the adapter and the first end of the second connector adapted to mate with a second coaxial connector terminated to a cable.

11. (Original) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 10, further comprising a first conductive outer body releasably mounted to the adapter about the first conductive front shell, with an insulator positioned between the first conductive outer body and the first conductive front shell; and

a second conductive outer body releasably mounted to the adapter about the second conductive front shell, with an insulator positioned between the second conductive outer body and the second conductive front shell;

wherein the first and second conductive outer bodies are electrically connected to each other.

12. (Original) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 11, wherein the first conductive outer body, the first conductive front shell and the first center conductor cooperatively define a first triaxial mating end of a first gender and a first style adapted to mate with a first triaxial connector, and the second conductive outer body, the second conductive front shell and the second center conductor cooperatively define a second triaxial mating end with a second gender and a second style adapted to mate with a second triaxial connector.

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13. (Previously Presented) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 12, wherein the first mating end is the same style and the same gender as the second mating end.

14. (Previously Presented) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 12, wherein the first mating end is the same style and a different gender as the second mating end.

15. (Previously Presented) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 12, wherein the first mating end is a different style and the same gender as the second mating end.

16. (Previously Presented) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 12, wherein the first mating end is a different style and a different gender as the second mating end.

17. (Previously Presented) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 12, wherein the first conductive outer body, the first conductive front shell and the first center conductor may be removed and replaced with a third conductive outer body, a third conductive front shell and a third center conductor to define a third mating end with the same style and a different gender as the first end.

18. (Previously Presented) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 12, wherein the first conductive outer body, the first conductive front shell and the first center conductor may be removed and replaced with a third conductive outer body, a third conductive front shell and a third center conductor to define a third mating end with a different style and the same gender as the first end.

19. (Previously Presented) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 12, wherein the first conductive outer body, the first conductive front shell and the first center conductor may be removed and replaced with a third conductive outer body, a third conductive front shell and a third center conductor to define a third mating end with a different style and a different gender as the first end.

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20. (Previously Presented) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 12, wherein the style of the first triaxial mating end and the style of the second triaxial mating end are one of a global standard style, a U.S. standard style and a BBC standard style.

21. (Previously Presented) A coaxial connector adapter comprising:

a central housing defining a central axial opening with a first end and a second end, an outer portion of the central housing proximate each end threaded to receive a conductive outer body, wherein the outer body is adapted for mating with a connector terminated to a cable;

an outer insulator mounted within the central axial opening of the central housing;

a first conductive shell extending through the outer insulator beyond the first and second ends of the central housing, the first conductive shell including a first end and a second end each threaded to receive a shell assembly, and the outer insulator electrically isolating the first conductive shell from the central housing;

an inner insulator mounted within the central axial opening of the central housing;

and

a center conductor extending between the first and second ends of the central housing through the central axial opening mounted within the inner insulator.

22. (Original) The coaxial connector adapter of claim 21, wherein the first conductive outer shell is formed of two parts, one part inserted through each of the first and second ends.

23. (Currently Amended) The coaxial connector adapter of claim 22, wherein the inner insulator is formed of two parts, and one inner insulator part is mounted within each of the parts of the outer conductive shell.

24. (Original) The coaxial connector adapter of claim 21, wherein the outer insulator is formed of two parts, one part inserted through each of the first and second ends.

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25. (Previously Presented) A triaxial cable connector system comprising:

(a) an adapter with first and second ends;

(b) a first connector selectively releasably mounted to the first end of the adapter, the first connector including a first end and a second end, the second end of the first connector adapted to engage the first end of the adapter and the first end of the first connector adapted to mate with a first coaxial cable connector terminated to a cable, the first connector also including:

(1) a front shell assembly including a conductive front shell and a center conductor mounted within and electrically isolated from the conductive front shell by a center conductor insulator;

(2) an outer insulator positioned about the front shell assembly;

(3) a conductive outer body positioned about the outer insulator and electrically isolated from the front shell assembly;

wherein the first connector defines a first connector gender and style;

(c) a second connector selectively releasably mounted to the second end of the adapter, the second connector including a first end and a second end, the second end of the second connector adapted to engage the second end of the adapter and the first end of the second connector adapted to mate with a second coaxial cable connector terminated to a cable, the second connector also including:

(1) a front shell assembly including a conductive front shell and a center conductor mounted within and electrically isolated from the conductive front shell by a center conductor insulator;

(2) an outer insulator positioned about the front shell assembly;

(3) a conductive outer body positioned about the outer insulator and electrically isolated from the front shell assembly;

wherein the second connector defines a second connector gender and style;

(d) a third connector including:

(1) a front shell assembly including a conductive front shell and a center conductor mounted within and electrically isolated from the conductive front shell by a center conductor insulator;

(2) an outer insulator positioned about the front shell assembly;

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(3) a conductive outer body positioned about the outer insulator and electrically isolated from the front shell assembly;

wherein the third connector defines a third connector gender and style;

wherein the center conductor of the first connector is electrically connected to the center conductor of the second connector, the front shell of the first connector is electrically connected to the front shell of the second connector, and the conductive outer body of the first connector is electrically connected to the conductive outer body of the second connector; and

wherein either of the first or the second connectors may be removed from the adapter and replaced with the third connector so that the center conductor of the third connector becomes electrically connected to the center conductor of either the first connector or the second connector, the front shell of the third connector becomes electrically connected to the front shell of either the first connector or the second connector, and the conductive outer body of the third connector becomes electrically connected to the conductive outer body of either the first connector or the second connector.

26. (Previously Presented) The triaxial cable connector system of claim 25, wherein the first, second and third connectors may define one of a male or a female gender.

27. (Previously Presented) The triaxial cable connector system of claim 25, wherein the first, second and third connectors may define one of a U.S., BBC, or a Global style.

28. (Currently Amended) The triaxial cable connector ~~assembly~~ system of claim 25, wherein the first and second connectors define the same gender and different styles.

29. (Currently Amended) The triaxial cable connector ~~assembly~~ system of claim 25, wherein the first and second connectors define different genders and the same style.

30. (Currently Amended) The triaxial cable connector ~~assembly~~ system of claim 25, wherein the first and second connectors define different genders and different styles.

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31. (Currently Amended) The triaxial cable connector ~~assembly~~ system of claim 25, wherein the first and second connectors define the same gender and the same style.

32. (Currently Amended) The triaxial cable connector ~~assembly~~ system of claim 25, wherein the third connector defines the same gender and a different style as the connector it replaces.

33. (Currently Amended) The triaxial cable connector ~~assembly~~ system of claim 25, wherein the third connector defines a different gender and the same style as the connector it replaces.

34. (Currently Amended) The triaxial cable connector ~~assembly~~ system of claim 25, wherein the third connector defines a different gender and a different style as the connector it replaces.

35. (Previously Presented) A method of assembling a triaxial cable connector adapter comprising:

providing an adapter housing with first and second ends;

selecting a first connector of a first gender selected from a plurality of genders and a first style selected from a plurality of styles, and having first and second ends, wherein a second end of the first connector is adapted to engage the first end of the adapter and a first end of the first connector is adapted to mate with a first coaxial cable connector terminated to a cable;

removably mounting the first connector to the first end of the adapter housing;

selecting a second connector of a second gender selected from a plurality of genders and a second style selected from a plurality of styles, and having first and second ends, wherein a second end of the second connector is adapted to engage the second end of the adapter and a first end of the second connector is adapted to mate with a second coaxial cable connector terminated to a cable; and

removably mounting the second connector to the second end of the adapter housing.

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36. (Original) The method of claim 35, wherein the plurality of genders includes male and female.

37. (Original) The method of claim 35, wherein the plurality of styles includes U.S., BBC, and Global.